

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A transmitter for use in a multicarrier communication system, the
2 transmitter for transmitting a multicarrier symbol, the multicarrier symbol having a peak-to-
3 average power ratio (PAR) and being a function of a plurality of information signals, the
4 transmitter comprising:

5 (a) a power reducer, wherein the power reducer is operative to reduce the PAR
6 of the multicarrier symbol by modifying a selected information signal of the plurality of
7 information signals wherein the modified signal includes an information component, a peak
8 reduction component, and a transmission channel response component.

1 2. The transmitter according to claim 1 wherein said power reducer
2 comprises:

3 means for analyzing the multicarrier symbol to detect a peak in the
4 multicarrier symbol;

5 means for determining a first signal of the plurality of signals that contributes
6 to the peak; and

7 means for modifying the first signal by applying a peak reduction component
8 to the first signal, the peak reduction component including a transmission channel component
9 such that by the PAR of the multicarrier symbol is reduced to compensate for the
10 transmission channel effects on the power of the symbol.

1 3. A method for reducing the peak-to-average ratio (PAR) of a
2 multicarrier communication system, wherein the multicarrier symbol is a function of a
3 plurality of signals, each of the plurality of signals centered at each one of a plurality of
4 frequencies, the method comprising:

5 (a) analyzing the multicarrier symbol to detect a peak in the multicarrier
6 symbol;

7 (b) determining a first signal of the plurality of signals that contributes to the
8 peak; and

9 (c) modifying the first signal by applying a peak reduction component to the
10 first signal, the peak reduction component including a transmission channel component such
11 that by the PAR of the multicarrier symbol is reduced to compensate for the transmission
12 channel effects on the power of the symbol.

1 4. A method as defined in claim 3, wherein said transmission channel
2 effects represent an impulse response of the transmission channel.

1 5. A method as defined in claim 3, said transmission channel component
2 including transmission filters, and said impulse response being the impulse response of said
3 filters.

1 6. A transmitter for use in a communication system, the transmitter
2 transmitting a signal where the transmitted signal has a peak to average power ratio and is a
3 function of a plurality of information symbols, each symbol being transmitted at each one of
4 a plurality of intervals of time, a selected information symbol of the plurality of information
5 symbol including an information component and a peak reduction component and wherein
6 the peak reduction component is modified to compensate for transmitted filter responses in
7 the transmitter and wherein the modified peak reduction component modifies the information
8 component and reduces the peak to average ratio of the transmitted signal.

1 7. A transmitter for use in a multicarrier communication system where a
2 symbol transmitted by a transmitter has peak to average power ratio as a function of a
3 plurality of signals, each one of the plurality of signals being centered at one of plurality of
4 frequencies wherein a subset of the plurality of signals are configured to reduce the PAR
5 before the symbol is transmitted along a transmission channel and where the subset of signals
6 are further configured to include a response of the transmission channel.

1 8. A transmitter as defined in claim 7, including:

2 (a) an encoder for encoding a first set of data into a plurality of sets of data;

3 (b) a modulator coupled to the encoder for receiving the plurality of sets of
4 data and (c) modulating each set of data of the plurality of the sets of data to produce the
5 plurality of signals which are combined;

6 (c) a first inverse Fourier transformer coupled to the modulator, the inverse
7 Fourier transformer operative to perform an inverse Fourier transform on the combined
8 plurality of signals producing a transformed signal;

9 (d) a first power reducer coupled to the inverse transformer, wherein the
10 power reducer is operative to analyze the transformed signal and to detect any peaks in the
11 transformed signal, and if a peak is detected, the power reducer being operative to apply a
12 kernel to the peak of the transformed signal by adjusting the kernel, wherein the kernel is an
13 approximation of an impulse response generated from the subset of the plurality of signals
14 such that the kernel is adjusted by scaling and time shifting; and

15 (e) a second power reducer coupled to receive a weighted transformed signal
16 and a weighted kernel for analyzing the weighted transformed signal and for detecting any
17 peaks therein if a peak is detected, the second power reducer being operative to apply the
18 weighted kernel to the weighted transformed signal by applying scale and shift values to the
19 weighted kernel such that said scale and shift values are used by said first power reducer for
20 respectively scaling and time shifting said kernel, such that said weighting includes the
21 effects of said transmission channel.

1 9. A transmitter as defined in claim 7, further including:

2 (f) a cyclic prefix insertion module coupled to said inverse Fourier
3 transformer;

4 (g) a filter for receiving an output from said cyclic prefix insertion module;
5 and

6 (h) a power reducer coupled to the output of said filter, wherein the power
7 reducer is operative to analyze the output from said cyclic prefix model to detect peaks in the
8 signal, and if a peak is detected, the power reducer is operative to apply a modified kernel to
9 the peak of the signal by adjusting the modified kernel wherein the kernel is an
10 approximation of an impulse response generated from the subset of the plurality of signals
11 such that the kernel is adjusted by modifying the subset of plurality of signals and wherein
12 the kernel is further modified using the impulse response of the filter to produce the modified
13 kernel whereby the effect of the filter is included in the reduced PAR of the symbol.

